

GLEASON WANTED KOEHLER

(And He Elected Him, He Declares, "Right Over in Long Island City.")

The Knight of the Battle-Axe a Witness Before the Senate Committee on Elections.

MR. CHILDS PRESENTS HIS CASE.

His Witnesses Testify That Ample Notice Was Given Before Election That Mr. Koehler Was Ineligible to Be a State Senator.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the State Senate met yesterday morning in the Murray Hill Hotel to hear evidence in the cases of contested elections. The hearing of John Lewis Childs, Republican, against Theodore Koehler, Democrat, in the Queens County District, which had been adjourned since the last session of the committee, was resumed.

Koehler is seated as Senator from the Second District, and Childs claims that his election is illegal, because he was holding a county office at the time of his election. Koehler represented Long Island City in the Queens County Board of Supervisors, and did not resign until after election. He received a majority of 824 votes for Senator. Among the witnesses who were subpoenaed was Mayor Gleason of Long Island City, and he was on hand bright and early.

When the session began, Senator Nussbaum (chairman), Jacob Cantor and Chas. Davis, of the Committee, were present. Lawyer W. G. Youngs, of Oyster Bay, L. I., represented Mr. Childs, and Amasa Thornton looked after the interests of Mr. Koehler. There were also associated with Mr. Thornton, George W. Stephens and Joseph Pitts. According to a decision of Justice Maynard, Mr. Youngs' said Mr. Childs was the only nominee.

Mr. Youngs called the following witnesses: James W. Wood, editor of the Glen Cove Gazette; Amos M. Knapp and Samuel C. Ransom, of Oyster Bay; Joseph A. Armstrong, chairman of the Republican Town Committee of Mineola; William Bennett, of Jamaica; James S. Fairbrother and Joseph W. Cleary, of Newtown; John T. Robinson, of Oyster Bay; Joseph Strauss, of College Point; J. F. Taylor, of Westchester; Dennis Sullivan, of Flushing; Dr. J. J. Strong, who was Mr. Gleason's Republican antagonist; Felix Fritzsche and Senator Theodore Koehler, the contestant. All save the latter testified that ample notice had been given to themselves and others before election that Mr. Koehler was ineligible to the office of State Senator. They had seen posters bearing the announcement of his ineligibility, or received postal cards or telegrams containing such a notice. This closed the case for Childs.

The first witness for Koehler was William B. Stewart, who was Counsel to the Corporation of Long Island City, and testified that he had a consultation with Mr. Koehler at the City Hall before election, and after looking up the laws he advised him that he was ineligible, as he was a county officer and not a city officer. The consultation was held two weeks before election.

In reply to Mr. Strong's witness said that Koehler's eligibility was discussed pretty generally in his office.

"Did you ever discuss the matter with Mayor Gleason?"

"No, sir."

Mayor Gleason was then called to the stand. He had on the battle-axe court presented to him when he was installed as Mayor.

"You are the Mayor of Long Island City?" asked Mr. Stephens.

"I believe I am," replied the Mayor.

"You know you are Mayor?" put in Amasa Thornton.

"Yes, I am," answered Mr. Gleason, putting his hand on his battle-axe and looking down significantly at the court.

Mayor Gleason then denied that he had received any postal cards stating that Koehler was ineligible.

"I went around the polling places," said Mayor Gleason, "and saw no posters."

"You kept a sharp eye on everything," suggested Senator Childs.

"You bet, I took in everything," replied the Mayor.

Then he told how he had got Lawyers Stephens and Van Vechten's opinions on Koehler's eligibility.

"They told me," said he, "that there was no question as to Koehler's eligibility; as he was not a city officer under the law."

"How long were you Mayor of Long Island City previous to your last election?"

"Six years," replied the Mayor.

"Leave out the twenty-one days," chimed in ex-Corporation Counsel Stewart.

"No, sir, I was never given any constitutional rights," replied the Mayor indignantly.

"But the Supreme Court put you out at the end of the twenty-one days," said Mr. Youngs.

"They did not put me out; they had to get a police captain to do it," thundered the big Mayor.

"Were you paid for the twenty-one days?"

"No, sir; it is still owing to me," said he, with a smile.

A few minutes later Mayor Gleason, when explaining how he came to consult the lawyers as to Koehler's eligibility, said:

"I was determined to elect my own Senator, and I did it right over in Long Island City, and the knight of the battle-axe brought down his big fist on the table with a mighty bang."

The next witness was Lawyer Stephens. He testified that he advised Mayor Gleason that Koehler was ineligible as a candidate for Senator.

An adjournment was then taken until Friday next at 10:30 o'clock, when the committee will meet to hear the case of Peter H. McNulty (Dem.), and James Taylor (Rep.), in the Sixth Senate District.

CHURCH STREET BLOCK SOLD

Parties interested Denied It—Other Transactions in Real Estate.

After the parties interested had made strenuous denial that any such sale had taken place, it was stated, on a positive fact that the entire block front on the east side of Church street, between Park place and Murray street, has been sold through Brokers M. & L. Hess. It may be stated as reasonably positive that the purchasers are Messrs. Martin & Brother. The price paid was \$250,000.

A rumor was current yesterday that a piece of Park row recently opposite the Post Office had been sold.

There was a fair amount of business done yesterday at the Broadway auction room, that is, a fair amount for Friday, but only one sale really took place.

The most interesting sale was that in foreclosure, by George H. Read, of the three-story tenements, and No. 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

PRISONED ON FIRE EXITS.

Families Crowded on the Platforms of Ladderless Escapes While the Tenement Burned.

A fire started in the basement bakery of Edward Heinecke, in the double tenement, Nos. 2020 and 2022 Amsterdam avenue, before dawn yesterday. One flight up lived Julius Weibel with his wife and four children. Immediately overhead lived the baker and his family, and above him Thomas Kenyon and family, John O'Mara and family, John Clark and family and several other families.

Weibel was awakened by a straggling sensation, and got up and opened the door. Smoke rolled in. He had sufficient presence of mind to close the door and awaken the family. The women wanted to jump from the windows. Young Weibel ran to the front window and called for help to a cable car that was passing. The grimace went at full speed to a fire station a few blocks away and gave an alarm.

Weibel awakened the other inmates of the house and they all climbed out on the narrow escapes. They could not reach the ground because no ladders connected the platforms.

When the firemen arrived they found the building empty of persons, and it was not until some minutes later that the several families were found huddled together on the fire escapes. The fire marshal proposed to prosecute the landlord, Charles Kenny, for not providing ladders from the fire escapes.

The second floor of the building was completely gutted before the flames were controlled. The loss is set at \$6,000.

The fire broke out in the Curry Machine Company, which occupies a six-story building at Nos. 11 and 13 Light street. The flames were discovered on the third floor by Watchman W. R. Smith, who turned in an alarm.

About \$25,000 damage was done before the flames were extinguished. Patrick John Lake, of Fire Patrol No. 7, was out in the head by a piece of glass as he entered the building.

It was at a fire in this building during the blizzard of 1888 that the members of the Fire Department had such a hard time. The engines were stalled in snow banks. Until more horses were sent for they were unable to keep up steam. The telegraph wires of the department were broken and mounted firemen patrolled the wholesale district ready to give an alarm at the first indication of a fire.

CHARGE ON A CANDY STORE.

A Dozen Boys Start to Loot It, and Kick the Proprietor's Shins.

Five bad boys were taken to Yorkville Police Court yesterday charged with stealing, fighting with the man who objected to their fire and egg ways, and with trying to escape from the patrol wagon on the way to court. The officers who brought them in were all out of breath and declared that they had had the struggle of their lives to keep the youngsters from jumping over the wheels.

The five were lined up before the bar and described themselves as follows: Charles Nutwood, fourteen years old, of 118 West 10th street; Jesse City, George, sixteen years old, of No. 432 West Forty-first street; Theodore Schwartz, sixteen years old, of No. 210 West 10th street; James Fallon, thirteen years old, of No. 300 West Forty-first street, and Michael Engler, thirteen years old, of No. 330 West Forty-first street.

Confessioner Harry P. Spencer, of No. 304 Columbus avenue, told Magistrate Stims that while he and his boys were at work in the back part of the store Thursday night the front door suddenly opened and a crowd of a dozen boys began to loot the place. One of the boys, but the others began climbing up his back and kicking his shins, so that he was short used up. The boys had been looting the West Sixty-eighth Street Station came to his relief. They caught five of the robbers and the others fled.

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HE DIDN'T FINISH HIS SONG.

Warbler Walsh Was "Doing Himself Proud"

When a Detective Grabbed Him.

John Walsh, who is really a great tenor warbler when his pipes have been thawed out properly, obliged with popular songs at New Irving Hall, Thursday night. He had sung "My Girl is a Bowery Pearl," and was just starting in with "My Girl is a Cockeyed Beauty," when a detective came in and took charge of them and arrested them.

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STEE BREKID SCHOOL. A PET DOG BITES THREE.

Mrs. Brett's Pug Went Mad and Ran Wild in the House.

B. & O. Ascended Three Points on the Report of Cowen's Election.

Sugar Advanced 2 1/2 Points, Manhattan 1 1/2, and London Placed Large Orders Here.

WHOLESALE TONE OF THE MARKET.

Stock of Coal Roads Was Largely Bought for the Reason That a Trust Agreement Had Nearly Been Reached.

The market for stocks yesterday was strong, and sharp advances were made despite the fact that business was restricted by the interference of the storm with wire facilities. Several factors contributed to the upward movement. Prices advanced in London before our market opened. This was taken as conclusive evidence that London put small faith in the story of a Russo-Turkish alliance. This opinion was confirmed by liberal buying orders for foreign account in the first hour.

Other bullish influences were the absence of gold engagements for export to-day and the probability that the Coal Trust would be successfully organized. It appears that an agreement was nearly reached at the meeting of the coal road presidents on Thursday. Each road submitted its minimum percentage of tonnage, and all were satisfied with the result. The coal trusts were added up. It was found that the total was 102. A difference of 2 per cent. it is believed, can be easily adjusted, and the prospects for an agreement next Thursday are considered easy. The coal stocks were naturally in demand, gaining 1/2 to 1 1/2 points. The remainder of the railroad list, particularly the Grangers and the International stocks, made a substantial advance. In some cases extending to 1/2 points. Baltimore & Ohio jumped 3 points on the election of John K. Cowen as president, and the announcement that the floating debt had been taken in hand by responsible bankers.

SUGAR UNCOMMONLY ACTIVE.

Of the active stocks Sugar was the most prominent, and with its usual strange consistency gained 2 1/2 points, although the price of refined sugars was reduced 1-16 cent. This reduction was not generally known, nor that German refined sugar is sold at a formidable discount in the domestic markets. It is the rule, however, with speculators to operate first and then to follow. The market for refined sugar was very active, and the price of refined sugar was reduced 1-16 cent. This reduction was not generally known, nor that German refined sugar is sold at a formidable discount in the domestic markets. It is the rule, however, with speculators to operate first and then to follow. The market for refined sugar was very active, and the price of refined sugar was reduced 1-16 cent. This reduction was not generally known, nor that German refined sugar is sold at a formidable discount in the domestic markets. It is the rule, however, with speculators to operate first and then to follow. 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